

May 2023

NEWSLETTER

potter street academy news

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a short but busy half term. It has been wonderful to welcome so many of you to our class assemblies. The summer term is very busy, so please look at the list of dates to ensure you do not miss anything.

I hope you have a lovely half term.

Kath Holland
Associate Headteacher

Kings Coronation

Potter Street Academy had an amazing time at the school lunch to celebrate the coronation, thank you to our catering team who prepared this. The children each received a commemorative bookmark and mug to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III.

House Points

Children are busy earning house points by showing how well they keep the school values – responsibility, respect, resilience and relationships.



Dragon 2801



Griffin 2449



Lion 2514



Unicorn 2963

Class Photos

The photography company no longer supply proofs and now use Photo Tickets. Photo Tickets have been handed to the parent / child by the class teacher, you can scan the QR code from these to view and order the photos. If you have not received your proof, please inform the school office.

The photographer commented on how polite and well behaved the children were.

Testing Times

A huge well done to all children in years 2 and 6 who have recently completed their SATs. We were impressed at their positive attitudes and motivation to succeed. Thank you to all staff who prioritised the wellbeing of pupils. A big thank you to all our parents / carers for their support.

Parking

Unfortunately, we have received a number of complaints from the residents who live in Meyrick Mead regarding parents / carers blocking and parking in their private bays. Some of these residents are elderly and disabled and rely on being able to always access their parking bays.

Please can we remind parents and carers who are driving to collect or drop off children to ensure they



are safe and considerate when parking and are courteous to our neighbours, we would ideally request that you park away from the school and you walk a short distance to assist with this ongoing problem.

Can we please remind parents of the following: -

If you wish to contact the school via email, please do so by using the email address admin@potterstreetacademy.com

Some parents are emailing us on the Potter Street Academy (Please Do Not Reply) email address. This account is not monitored for responses and we are concerned we may miss important correspondence from you.

Class Dojo is a fantastic way for the school to communicate with our families and provides a great opportunity for families to interact with teachers, upload any home learning and complete additional tasks.

If you need any other 'school' information / guidance please continue to call the school office who will be happy to help, this includes child absence and any changes to the arrangements for collection of children.

Please be mindful teachers do not have the opportunity to check dojo during the day as they are teaching and are therefore unable to respond or read any messages.

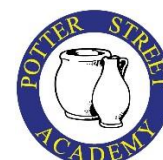
Y5 Essex Outdoors

On Monday 15th May, Year 5 visited Essex Outdoors to develop their team building and outdoor, adventurous activity skills. All the children had the opportunity to take part in orienteering and raft building.

During orienteering, the children had to use maps of the Essex Outdoors site, a woodland area and the town park to locate the different destinations on the maps.

Whilst taking part in the raft building activity, the children learnt to build a raft using barrels and rope. They were taught how to tie knots in the ropes to hold the raft together. They had to work as a team to ensure the raft was secure before they could test it out in the river (the best part!). Impressively, all the rafts remained in one piece and the children all used a paddle, working as a team, to go along the river.

They had an amazing day and it was a pleasure to take such a fantastic class on a school trip. They were so well behaved, displayed all our school values and everyone had a go at everything with such a great, positive attitude.



Updated Information

Please ensure that the school office has updated contact information and details such as telephone numbers and email addresses so that all letters and school information is able to reach you. We need three contact details for every pupil to meet safeguarding requirements.



Y4 Art Workshop

On May 5th Sarah Bracey, an Art Therapist, spent the day with Year 4 making sculptures from clay and plaster. The children designed their own clay sculptures and used a variety of natural objects such as pinecones, small rocks and small wooden sticks to imprint on their sculpture. Their clay designs were then cast in plaster. Once the plaster dried, the children were able to decorate their sculptures using paint. The children working with a variety of mediums and tools. It was such a fun and exciting day!

The children's work will be displayed as part of the Harlow Creates, Our Community Our Environment - School Arts Festival at the Gibberd Gallery, during the first two weeks of July.



Dates for the Diary

26 th May	Last Day of Half Term (finish at normal time)
29 th May	Bank Holiday
30 th May – 2 nd June	Half Term
5 th June	Return to School
6 th June	EYFS – Great Notley Park
7 th June	Y4 – Parndon Wood
8 th June	Y1 – Leeds Castle
12 th June	Y6 – Film Making Workshop
16 th June	Y5 & 6 Cricket Tournament
18 th – 21 st June	Y6 Residential Trip
22 nd June	EYFS Height & Weight Checks
22 nd June	Reception 2023 Intake Meeting 1:30pm
23 rd June	Passmores Sports Day – Y5 to attend
23 rd June	Y2 Music Festival – Holy Cross School
27 th June	KS2 Music Festival at Town Park – Choir to attend
28 th June	PS Sports Day & Picnic
30 th June	Y1 & 2, 3 Tees Cricket, Harlow Cricket Club
3 rd & 4 th July	Y5 Visit to Passmores
5 th July	Rock Steady Parent Concert
7 th July	Y1 & 2 Mini Olympics
10 th July	Y6 – Southend
11 th July	Y4 to Passmores to watch Production of Mary Poppins
12 th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly
13 th July	Maths Day
14 th July	Class Parties
	Y6 Last Day
17 th – 21 st July	Y6 at Passmores
17 th July	Children in New Classes
19 th July	Star of the Term Reward Trip
21 st July	Last Day, finish at 1:30pm (No after school club)
1 st Sept	Inset Day